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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

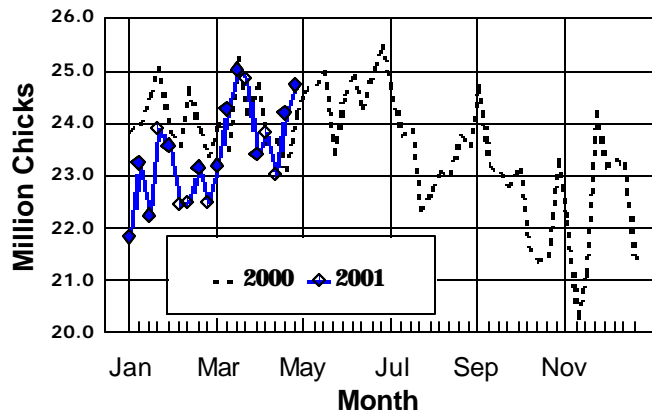
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending May 5, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2000, and 2 percent above the previous week, and included 3.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 5, 2001 were 421.8 million, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 1 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

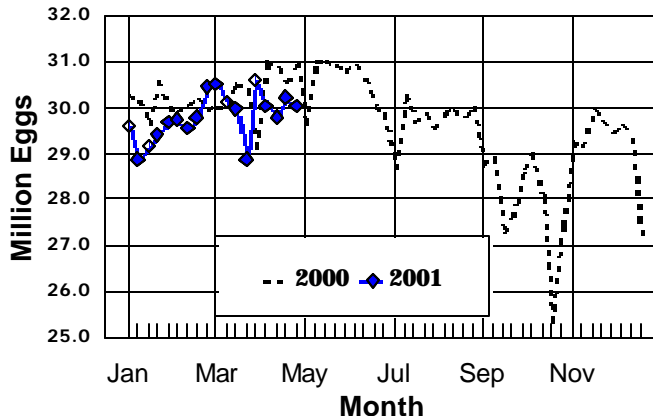
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 5, 2001, 1 percent above the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 31	24,765	24,837	100	24,967	25,336	101	29,139	28,886	99
Apr. 7	23,653	23,389	99	25,035	25,003	100	31,071	30,602	98
Apr. 14	23,680	23,813	101	24,986	24,822	99	30,893	30,029	97
Apr. 21	23,109	23,026	100	23,835	23,852	100	30,577	29,815	98
Apr. 28	24,879	24,197	97	25,270	25,267	100	31,026	30,253	98
May 5	24,666	24,730	100	25,402	24,919	98	29,675	30,017	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS. 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	%	31-Mar	07-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	%
Alabama	29,401 *	28,616	29,101	28,872	101	22,454	22,316	21,857	22,135	22,088 *	22,290	102
ARKANSAS	30,029	29,815	30,253	30,017	101	24,837	23,389	23,813	23,026	24,197	24,730	100
Delaware	3,737	3,777	3,573	3,588	82	5,276	5,648	4,672	5,155	4,717	4,190	74
Florida	2,402 *	2,384	2,381	2,376	84	2,230	2,186	2,468	2,395	2,458 *	2,411	100
Georgia	32,586	31,853	32,169	32,206	102	26,049	25,534	25,440	25,341 *	25,145 *	26,021	103
Maryland	8,682	8,788	8,724	8,769	106	5,377	5,221	6,106	4,871	5,782	5,557	102
Mississippi	18,846 *	18,119	17,933	18,729	102	15,662	15,491	15,615	15,331	15,671	16,617	106
N. Carolina	17,756 *	17,463	17,826	17,861	98	14,685	14,446	14,405	14,437	14,690 *	13,794	92
Pennsylvania	3,736	3,666	3,779 *	3,840	110	2,872	2,684	2,583	2,736	2,803 *	2,751	98
S. Carolina	5,012	5,021	4,983 *	4,968	104	3,797	4,201	4,584	3,909	4,464 *	3,878	89
Texas	15,260	15,261	15,299	15,289	102	11,617	11,558	11,606	11,461	11,970	11,917	101
Virginia	6,698	6,693	6,611	6,852	104	5,287	5,458	5,415	6,051	5,697	6,197	120
CA TN & W VA	11,370	11,538	10,959 *	11,293	95	10,091	10,260	10,694	10,282	10,340 *	9,524	89
Total 2000-2001	185,515 *	182,994	183,591 *	184,660		150,234	148,392	149,258	147,130 *	150,022 *	149,877	
Total 1999-2000	188,331	186,477	186,476	183,698		149,714	147,609	148,314	148,919	151,362	150,793	
% PREV. YEAR	99	98	98	101		100	101	101	99	99	99	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						19-May	26-May	02-Jun	09-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 185 million eggs during the week ending May 5, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 5, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 5, 2001 were 2.63 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.